

# 3 FOCUS ON WRITING

## VOCABULARY

### REVIEW

Complete the tale of Perseus with the words from the box.

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|-------------|-------------|---------|-------------|-----------|
| adventure   | defeats     | journey | opportunity | struggles |
| affected by | fail        | magic   | protect     | succeeds  |
| dangerous   | intelligent | mentors | safety      | treasure  |

Perseus is a Greek hero who lives on an island with his family. On a nearby island lives Medusa. Medusa is a female monster with hair made of snakes. She is very dangerous<sup>1.</sup> When anyone looks upon her ugly face, they turn to stone. Many young men try to kill her. But they all \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2.</sup> because they do not turn their eyes away. They all lose their lives. One day, the king of the land asks Perseus to go on a \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3.</sup> to bring back the head of Medusa. Perseus does not want to leave the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4.</sup> of his home and family. But he decides to say yes. For Perseus, this is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5.</sup> to show his power as a young man.

On the road to find Medusa, Perseus meets two \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6.</sup> who will help him. First, he meets the god Hermes. Hermes gives him \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7.</sup> shoes with wings. With these shoes, Perseus can fly. Second, he meets Athena, the goddess of war. She gives him a shield<sup>1</sup> to \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8.</sup> himself. How can Perseus kill Medusa without looking at her? Perseus is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9.</sup> young man. He uses the shoes to fight Medusa from the air. He uses the shield as a mirror to see Medusa, so he can cut off her head without looking directly at her. They start to fight. Medusa \_\_\_\_\_<sup>10.</sup>. She cannot win. In the end, Perseus \_\_\_\_\_<sup>11.</sup> Medusa and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>12.</sup>.

On the trip home, Perseus meets and falls in love with Andromeda, his true love. Together they return to the king with Medusa's head in a bag. Perseus' \_\_\_\_\_<sup>13.</sup> is over—the monster is dead and he has his \_\_\_\_\_<sup>14.</sup>, Andromeda. Perseus' whole community is \_\_\_\_\_<sup>15.</sup> his success when he becomes king.

<sup>1</sup> **shield:** a large piece of metal, wood, or other material used to protect a soldier from attack

